

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 24:13-35

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“WITH EYES WIDE OPEN”

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVOIR OF ALL MANKIND*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Resurrection, Life, Hope, Power, Victory

Introduction to the Text;

Luke 24:13-35

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:25 Then Jesus said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! :26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” :27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. :28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. :29 But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. :30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. :31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. :32 And they said to one another, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” :33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, :34 saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” :35 And they told them about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Seeing God has been the “heart-cry” of mankind

Throughout the ages. Ever since Moses ascended mount Sinai, there has been the image of what it must have been like to God !

Ex. 33:18-23

And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.... :20 But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live... :22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. :23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”

But In New Testament Times we learn from Jesus Christ

Himself, that in The Sermon on the Mount, Those who have put their trust in the Lord will someday see God someday in total.

Matt. 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

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“WITH EYES WIDE OPEN”

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

1.) We can be blinded to what's true

v.13-24

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WE CAN BE BLINDED TO WHAT'S TRUE

1a.) Blinded by **all that has happened**

Verse 13-15

Now behold, two of them (disciples) were traveling that same day to a village called **Emmaus**, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. :14 And they talked together of **all these things** which had happened. :15 So it was, while they **conversed** and **reasoned**, that **Jesus Himself drew near** and went with them.

conversed (*talked non-stop*) and **reasoned** (*argued passionately*)

In our moment of questioning
??? “does God care about us???”

In Most Cases – Forgetting is Best.
But not always...

Phil. 1:12

But I want you to know, brethren, that the things **which happened to me** have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,

Our Action is to be one of “Trust”

Prov. 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
:6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

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WE CAN BE BLINDED TO WHAT'S TRUE

1b.) Blinded by **what we think we know**

Verse 16-18

:16 But their eyes were **restrained**, *(by unbelief)* so that they did not know Him.
:17 And He said to them, "**What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?**" :18 Then the one whose name was **Cleopas** answered and said to Him, "**Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?**"

Verse 16

But their eyes were **restrained**, *(by unbelief)*
so that they did not know Him.

I Mystery is Unfolding Before Us Here - Mark 16:12
After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as
they walked and went into the country.

You cannot make someone believe what they refuse to know.

Psa. 139:2
You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar
off. :3 You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.

Verse 18

"Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known
the things which happened there in these days?"

"you're either a stranger or you're deaf & blind - which is it cuz ?
the stuff that's been happening around could not have been missed...."

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WE CAN BE BLINDED TO WHAT'S TRUE

1c.) Blinded by **stopping short of faith**

Verse 19-24

:19 And He said to them, “**What things?**” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, :20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. :21 **But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day** since these things happened. :22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, **astonished us**. :23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. :24 And certain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found *it* just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.”

Verse 19

:19 And He said to them, “**What things?**” So **they said** (*both of them together at the same time*) to Him, “**The things concerning Jesus** of Nazareth, who was **a Prophet mighty in deed and word** before God and all the people,

Is. 35:4-6

Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come... :5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. :6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

Verse 21

But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.
Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

***It's true, they do not recognize Him
because He was in His Resurrected Body.***

But I believe it is also true that they didn't recognize Him because they weren't looking for Him – **“But we were hoping” or “we had hope but now it's the 3rd. day”**

there's a bundle of emotions being expressed here;
both of them are irrupting with raw emotions and facts.

So **they said** (both of them together at the same time) to Him,

depression is a very disabling fear.

It robs us of what's hopeful / depression is often brought on by an event which then overruns our emotions. When this happens, reality becomes twisted and distorted and we can't think clearly and always in a downward direction.

Good news could be slapping you in the face
and yet you won't be able to see it or feel it.

That's why our hope in God is so meaningful & powerful.

the magnitude of Hope that you have in your life
is in directly correlation to the magnitude of the source.

So the question is; how big is the object that you hope in ?

Psa. 42:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And *why* are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him *For* the help of His countenance. :6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar.

Psa. 61:1-4

Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer. :2 From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. :3 For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy. :4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.

Christian:

if you're not looking for Him – you wont see Him.

(but if you are searching for Him – get ready cuz He's been waiting to be seen by you)

Jer. 29:11-14

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. :12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. :13 And you will seek Me and find Me, **when you search** (*present tense*) **for Me with all your heart.** :14 **I will be found** (*a matter of fact*) **by you**, says the LORD,

((when I heeded his invitation to come away with Him – it has always, without fail resulted in the most perfect outcome))

Heb. 11:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. :2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. :3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

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“WITH EYES WIDE OPEN”

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

2.) We can miss what's obvious

v.25-29

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WE CAN MISS WHAT'S OBVIOUS

2a.) The obvious witness of God's Prophets

Verse 25-26

Then Jesus said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! :26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?”

this a firm rebuke from Jesus.

“why are you (selectively) believing the prophets?”

Jesus here condemns a pick and choose, Mr. potato head kind of theology.

You change parts around or delete verses or ignore some others.

Don't be one of those who are

“foolish and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

This is why the study of the Old Testament

Prophets in the Bible is Required for the Christian.

You can never nor will you ever understand the man, mission and ministry of Jesus Christ – *its impossible !*

anyone neglecting the old testament will do so at great harm to their understanding of Jesus Christ.

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WE CAN MISS WHAT'S OBVIOUS

2b.) The obvious witness of God's Bible

Verse 27

And beginning at **Moses** and **all the Prophets**,
He **expounded** to them in **all of the Scriptures** the things concerning **Himself**.

And beginning at **MOSES** and **all the Prophets**,
That Would Mean, Beginning @ Genesis 1:1

John 5:46

For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for *he wrote about Me*.
:47 But if you do not believe *his writings*, how will you believe My words?"

Expounded

diermhneu/w diermeneuo, dee-er-main-yoo'-o; to unpack thoroughly, to systematically peel back or to unfold, to bring to light.

Hermeneutics: the science of proper biblical interpretation.

The entire old testament must be "unpacked" by us to fully understand the person, the mission, the ministry of the messiah.

1Pet. 1:10-11

Of this salvation **the prophets** have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, :11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

Verse 27

He expounded to them in all of the **Scriptures**
the things concerning **Himself**.

John 1:1-3,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. :2 He was in the beginning with God. :3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made... :14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 5:39

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Psalms 40:7 & Hebrews 10:7

"For behold, I have come - In the volume of the book it is written of Me !"

Luke 18:31-33

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. :32 He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. :33 On the third day he will rise again."

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WE CAN MISS WHAT'S OBVIOUS

2c.) The obvious witness of God's Son

Verse 28-29

Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. :29 But they **constrained** Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

And He went in to stay with them.

Remember when Abraham said

Gen. 22:8

"...to Isaac, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb"

...that was Me

Remember when Moses said

Ex. 3:14

Who do I say your are to the children is Israel?
And God said to Moses, tell them **"I AM WHO I AM."**

...that was Me

Remember when David said

Psa. 22:16

For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

...that's Me

Remember when Isaiah said

Is. 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

...Me again

Remember when Micah said

Mic. 5:2

**"But you, Bethlehem,
Though you are little among the thousands towns of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose existence is eternal**

...That would be me

Remember when Solomon said

Prov. 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name, if you know ?

...all about Me

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“WITH EYES WIDE OPEN”

WHAT IT TAKES FOR YOUR SEE THE LORD!

3.) We can see only after we believe

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WE CAN SEE ONLY AFTER WE BELIEVE

3a.) Faith opens up our eyes wide

Verse 30-31

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that **He took bread**, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **:31 Then** their eyes were **opened** and they **knew** Him; and He **vanished** from their sight.

vanished *a-fan-tos* aphantos, a-fan-tos;
to become invisible – not able to seen or out of sight.

It's believed that **when** Jesus Christ blessed the bread
That their eyes were made to be wide open... - its possible.

But I personally believe that it was when they saw Him take the bread that they
saw His hands...

There's a Powerful Prophecy in Zech.12:9

Zech. 12:9-10

On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem. :10
“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

This Is Jesus Christ in His Resurrected Body – Scarred for all Eternity

Again in Zech. 13:6

And one shall say to Him, “What are these wounds between your hands?’ Then He will answer, ‘Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.’

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He opened their eyes by revealing to them the word, the bible.
That who a person is brought to seeing - You will never see life fully or rightly

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3b.) Faith expands our minds to think

Verse 32-33a

:32 And they said to one another, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” :33a
So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem...

Note the Proper “Evolution” of Faith,

Verse 27

The Word of God Came First:

And beginning at **Moses** and **all the Prophets**,
He **expounded** to them in **all of the Scriptures** the things concerning **Himself**.

Verse 31

Then They Desired to be with Him in Fellowship.
“**Then** their eyes were **opened** and they **knew** Him;”

Verse 32

Faith is Born...

:32 And they said to one another, “Did not our **hearts burn within us** while He **talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?**”

burn

kai + w kaio, kah'-yo; apparently a primary verb; to set on fire, i.e. kindle or (by implication) consume: — burn, light.

Why did they have heart burn ? = Cuz Belief was becoming Faith
Because it all began to make sense.

His coming into the world. His message of Forgiveness. His sacrifice for Sin. His atoning death. His resurrection. – the bible !!!

Rom. 1:17

For the righteousness of God is revealed from –
faith to faith; as it is written, “*The just shall live by faith.*”

the more Jesus had “**unpacked**” the scriptures the more their **hearts began to burn** until what was in the mind agreed with what was in the heart,
then reality prevailed and faith was born.

1Cor. 15:3-4

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, :4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day **according to the Scriptures,**

Faith in the Lord is the purest form of reality.

notice that, what was once a “Late Hour” and a “Day Spent”

was turned into a road trip back to Jerusalem !!!

“its never to late while there’s still time”

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WE CAN SEE ONLY AFTER WE BELIEVE

3c.) Faith **causes** us to see more clearly

Verse 33b-35

:33b and they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, :34 saying, “**The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!**”
:35 And they told them about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was **known to them in the breaking of bread.**

Verse 35

And **they** (*Cleopas and wife*) told them (*Disciples*) about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was –
known to them in the breaking of bread.

John 20:27-28

Then He said to Thomas, “**Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.**” :28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

QUE - WORSHIP TEAM TO COME OUT

“Lets Remain Seated as We Pray, No Distractions Please”
(usher are coming forward now)

Give The Invitation & The Challenge

Church, remain seated as we pray – Come Up for Prayer

- (1) Pray that those who are lost right now will be found.
- (2) Pray that those who are wayward will come back home to Christ right now and (3) pray that the Lord would receive our worship and gratitude and praise in our tithes and offerings to Him...

The End...